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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the City of Spokane Valley Pines Grade Separation project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Spokane Valley and the project is located at 10210 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99206.

The funding is designated for the grade separation of State Route (SR) 27 and BNSF Railway's existing transcontinental rail line by building an underpass of the highway at the rail crossing. Immediately north of the highway underpass, the project will construct a multi-lane roundabout at the intersection of SR 27 and SR 290.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the benefit of improving vehicle and pedestrian safety, increase freight mobility and enhance economic vitality across the region. The project will also provide a trailhead and improve the connection of the Centennial Trail, a 63- mile paved trail systems connecting Spokane, Washington to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress